



'CIA Official Lashes at Critics

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, deputy director of the CIA, said Monday that critics of CIA activities are diverting attention from threats to national security and are playing upon an American tendency to "flagellate ourselves as a people." "The real issue," Walters said, "is: Will the United States have eyes and ears, or will it stumble into the future--a blind and deaf giant, until the day it has to choose between abject humiliation and nuclear blackmail?"

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UNRESTRAINED CRITICISM of the activities of the CIA could result in the United States becoming a "blind giant threatened by nuclear blackmail," the agency's No. 2 man says.